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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 9, 2005 in the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed herewith. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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